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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: ) Group Art Unit: 1773  
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KARAIWA ) Examiner: JACKSON, M. R.  
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Serial No. 09/649,092 )  
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Filed: August 28, 2000 )

For: **THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER LAMINATED MATERIAL**

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of February 26, 2002, with a three month shortened statutory period to respond set to expire on May 26, 2002. Accordingly, a request for a three-month extension of time under C.F.R. §1.136 and the fee set forth in §1.17 are respectfully submitted herewith.

In view of the following remarks and claim amendments, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections and allow all claims as presently claimed in this application.

**AMENDMENT**

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend claims 1 and 2 as indicated in Appendices A and B submitted herewith. Appendix A is a marked-up copy of the amended

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